

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

10:30 a.m.

519 House Office Building

Representative Melton, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg and Opsommer.

Representative Dean moved to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2007 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 549 before the committee.

SB 549 Jelinek Education; calendar; requirement for common school calendar within intermediate school districts; provide for.

Anne Blankenhorn, representing Senator Jelinek's Office, testified in support of SB 549.

Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators, testified in support of SB 549.

The following people submitted cards in support of SB 549, but did not wish to speak:

Robert LeFevre, representing the Macomb Intermediate School District,
Kate McAuliffe, representing the Intermediate School Districts of Washtenaw, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe and Hillsdale,
Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards,
Peter Spadafore, representing the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association.

Louise Somalski, representing the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan, submitted a card in opposition to SB 549, but was not able to speak.

No Further action was taken on SB 549.

Representative Angerer moved to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Hopgood and Moolenaar.

The Chair laid HR 81 before the committee.

HR 81 Rick Jones A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to enact the Education Begins at Home Act.

Representative Brown moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HR 81.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 21-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Emmons, Hoogendyk, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg and Opsommer,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Rick Jones testified in support of HR 81.

The following people spoke on behalf of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, in support of HR 81:

Eric King, former Mt. Morris Police Chief,*

Dwain Dennis, Sheriff of Ionia County,*

Kathy Pelleran, State Director of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids.*

Barb Vander Veen, representing Parents as Teachers, testified in support of HR 81.

Jeff Sadler, representing the Children's Trust Fund, submitted a card in support of HR 81, but did not wish to speak.

Aaron Tabor, representing the Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education, submitted a card in support of HR 81, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Clack moved to report out HR 81 as substitute (H-1) with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 20-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Melton, Valentine, Angerer, Brown, Byrum, Clack, Corriveau, Dean, Lindberg, Meisner, Miller, Polidori, Scott, Emmons, Steil, Pearce, Hildenbrand, Schuitmaker, Knollenberg and Opsommer,

Nays: Representative Hoogendyk,

Pass: None.

HR 81 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:42 a.m.

Representative Tim Melton, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
July 24, 2007
1 hour 12 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written materials attached to report out file.